

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: I will bless God at all times;

Many: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: My soul makes its boast in God;

Many: Let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify God with me;

Many: Let us exalt God's name together.

*Hymn

"My Life Flows On"

TFWS 2212

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

We Will Celebrate Our God

We will celebrate our God!...

Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.

We will celebrate our God!...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

O God, you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant. May your church always honor the presence of the Christ in the humble and the suffering, and may we learn to recognize each other as sisters and brothers. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Nana Kofi Ampong Darkwa

Mo Mma yenmbo se (Let Us Rejoice)

Let us rejoice, God lives always. Let us rejoice, He will always fight for us. Let us rejoice, we will always be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

Let us rejoice, Christ our King walks with us always. Let us rejoice, He will grant us all our needs. Let us rejoice, we will be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Passing of Peace

“Shalom”

Mensah Essilfie

God’s peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:15-25

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Anthem

Nya Gyedzi (Have Faith in The Lord)

J. W. Sey

God is always with us on a daily basis
Everything we ask of Him, He will grant all of our needs
But it needs patience.

Refrain: Therefore, have faith in the Lord that he will fulfill all of our needs.
He will fulfill all our needs if only you have faith, God will do it for you.

All our burdens, God knows them all.
God, our Almighty Protector, he is so generous to everyone. *Refrain*

All that we eat, drink, it is by His Grace.
He takes care of orphans. He will never leave you behind. *Refrain*

If you walk with faith, you need not be afraid of any temptations.
After all temptations, victory will be yours. *Refrain*

All Grace comes from the Lord.
If you believe in God then, hold on well to your faith. *Refrain*

Faith is able to conquer temptations. All its path is unsuccessful and therefore,
hold on tight to your faith and it will reap good fruits for you. *Refrain*

Message

*Hymn

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

TFWS 2158

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snare, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o’er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Samuel Long,
Debbie O’Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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